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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Massimo Mancuso et al.
Application No. : 09/087,671
Filed : May 29, 1998
For : POST-PROCESSING METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN
BLOCK-CODED DIGITAL IMAGES, AND POST-PROCESSING
DEVICE FOR ACTUATING SUCH METHOD

Examiner : Cheukfan Lee
Art Unit : 2622
Docket No. : 853063.450
Date : April 2, 2001

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 22 as follows.

22. (Amended) A post-processing method for reducing artifacts in a block-coded digital image, the method comprising:

dividing an input image into a plurality of image blocks;

for each image block, estimating global features of said image block by providing information on content of said image block along horizontal and vertical directions of said image block;